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In re Application of:)
Andreas M. ZEIHER et al.) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Application No.: 10/534,985) Examiner: To Be Assigned
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For: SCD40L AND PLACENTAL)
GROWTH FACTOR (PLGF) USED)
AS A BIOCHEMICAL MARKER)
COMBINATION IN)
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.